

Assisted Suicide in the States

STATE LAWS AND LEGAL POLICY AS OF APRIL 15, 2019

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Laws allowing PAS to take effect since 1997

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New laws against assisted suicide (including PAS) since 1997

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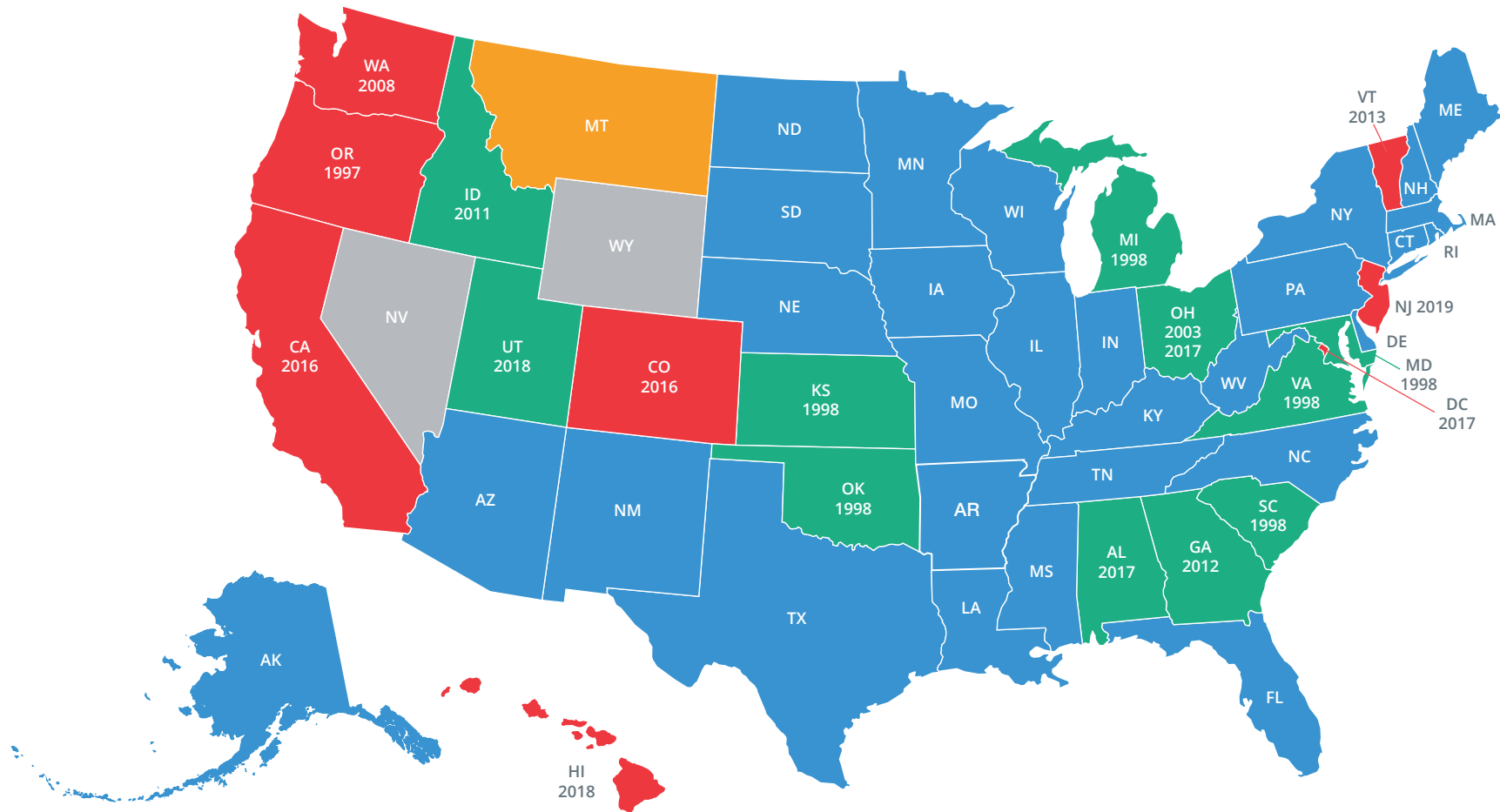
Pre-1997 bans on assisted suicide still in effect

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Court decision that may allow PAS in practice

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No clear policy by statute or common law



Massachusetts, North Carolina, and West Virginia have no specific statute, but do have a common law tradition allowing prosecution for aiding a suicide.
Montana: State Supreme Court ruling left older law in place, but said it does not apply to PAS when physician can show patient's consent.